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SMOKE ALARM

A smoke alarm is a warning device that detects smoke at the earliest stages of fire

Fit at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home ideally in the hallway

Follow the manufacturers' instructions of how to fit and position the alarm



TEST IT

Always test your smoke alarm once a week

Change the battery once a year or when it starts to beep

Have a spare battery in the house for your alarm

Assist vulnerable people by testing their alarms for them

Keep your alarm free from dust



OBVIOUS DANGERS

Extinguish and dispose of cigarettes properly

Never smoke in bed and be extra careful if you are tired, taking prescription drugs or having a drink.

Never leave cooking appliances unattended

Use a spark guard for an open fire

Don't use candles near flammable materials and don't leave them unattended

Keep matches and lighters away from children

Don't overload electrical sockets



PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

Ensure your family know what to do in a fire and how to escape safely

Know where keys are kept at night

Keep hallways clear from obstructions

Plan a bedtime routine (close doors, turn off electric appliances that are not required)

Get out, stay out and get the fire service out